

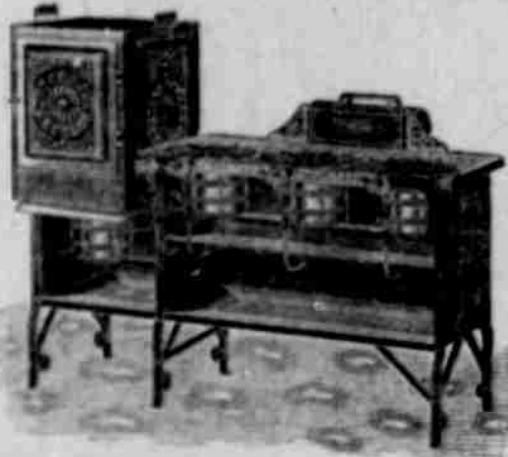
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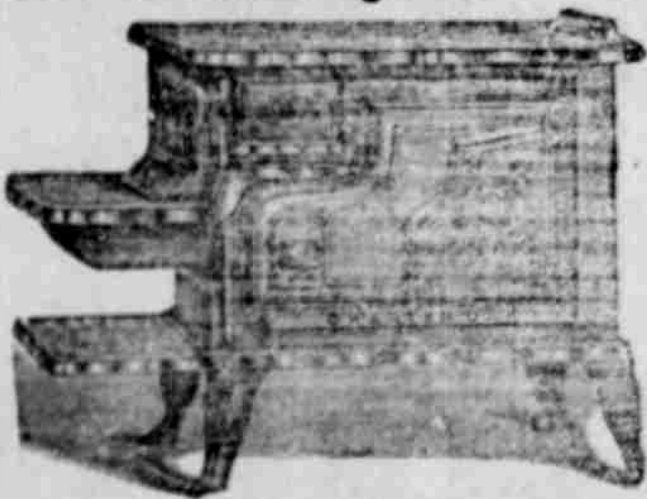
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THE NEWS OF HAWAII

H. E. Cooper Visits Olai Plantation.

PRESS NOTES FROM HILO

In Jail for Murder--Burning Ohia Wood--New Masonic Temple.

Secretary Cooper visited Olai plantation on Tuesday as the guest of Manager McStocker. His visit was mainly with a view to securing information regarding the line of the Hilo Railway Company. He has no financial interest in either the plantation or railway. He expresses surprise at the enormous amount of work done under Mr. McStocker's management. "My visit had no direct connection with the sugar company," remarked the Secretary on his return. "All I wanted to learn was regarding the proposed line of the railway. The Government takes a keen interest in the enterprise and we are anxious to see it constructed for the purpose originally intended."

"I can readily see that the completion of the two railroads are of the utmost importance to Hilo; with them your merchants will be put in closer touch with the outside districts. Mr. Gehr seems very much in earnest in his survey work and the maps submitted to the Government are exceedingly fine. With the Hilo line to Kau and Kona and the Kohala line connecting with it at Kailua, or wherever the terminus may be, Hilo will have an increase in business that will change things very materially. What the people should do is boom the railways, encourage the promoters in every way possible, so they may build with the least opposition to overcome. I had ten years' experience in railway life and I know just what the construction of a line means."

"As to the shipping facilities of Hilo, I can see that improvements are needed. Plans have been presented to the Government showing the feasibility of building a canal from the sea and opening up Waiolama stream and ponds. I do not remember now just what the details of the scheme are, but it occurred to me at the time that it was better than the plan for the breakwater, for it would give you complete landlocked wharves all the way from Waiolama to Church street, and Front street would eventually become the wholesale district of the city. It seems to me that this could be done for the same amount of money that the construction of a breakwater would require and you would have something that was absolutely safe and dependable. With a breakwater, at most you would be making an experiment which might not prove altogether satisfactory. The canal, to my mind, is the best plan and the Federal Government could condemn all the land required. I should say a canal eighty feet wide would be all that was necessary and if the soil is mud this could be built at a comparatively small expense; the dredgers in Honolulu rip out such stuff in short order. Your shipping facilities will come all right once you have the railroads--they are indispensable and have them both built as railway lines for the use of the general public rather than as combination public and plantation roads. These are things which interest indirectly every resident of Hilo."

"As to the town itself it occurs to me that your property owners have abundant opportunity to improve the appearance of things; there is no doubt a demand for better quarters than I find in some sections of the town."--Herald.

IN JAIL FOR MURDER.

Frank Keyser, Aleck Reinhardt and Charles Anderson, three sailors from the schooner Okanogan, were re-arrested last Friday and will be charged with the murder of Ah Cho, the Chinese hackman, nearly three weeks ago.

These are the same men who were taken into custody the day after the murder was discovered, and released after a week's detention, owing to lack of evidence. Persons were afterwards found who gave evidence which is considered by the authorities sufficient to hold them for trial. The prisoners were examined by Secretary Cooper, who found that several hours on the Sunday night on which the murder was committed are not satisfactorily accounted for by the men, who, from their own statements, were too much under the influence of liquor to know where they were. Any evidence connecting them with the crime is circumstantial up to this time.--Herald.

HILO SIDEWALKS.

The street commissioners have recommended that sidewalks of cement or cut stone be placed on Waiolama, Shipman, Front, between Shipman and Waiolama, and on Pitman street, between Waiolama and the mauka line of the bridge across the Waiolama. The proposition to have sidewalks on the mauka side of Front street, between King and Church streets, was voted down, the commissioners preferring to wait until the Government provided means for widening that thoroughfare. This recommendation carries with it an order for the removal of all wood sidewalks now on the streets named.--Herald.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

The Masonic fraternity in Hilo has secured a building site on Waiolama street on which they will erect a handsome temple. This step is made necessary by the large increase in membership and the erection of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix and Preceptory of Knights Kadosh during the past week. Plans will be prepared as soon as the details are completed.--Herald.

KOHALA-HILO RAILROAD.

H. E. Soule is in receipt of a letter from President Gehr of the Kohala-Hilo Railroad in which he says that the arrangements made for the construction of the line from Hilo to the north are eminently satisfactory to him. Material will be shipped to Hawaii so that the work of grading and construction may begin without delay.--Herald.

WILL USE OHIA WOOD.

The Olai Sitar Company has closed a contract with Honolulu parties for a large amount of ohia sawed and rough timber to be delivered at Caney road, mauka of 17 miles, from which point the purchasers remove it to Honolulu. It is not known to what use the timber will be put.--Herald.

THAT RAWHIDE MEDAL.

Commodore Beckley was interviewed by a Tribune reporter Thursday morning upon his life-saving work Regatta Day, and incidentally upon the leather medal which, according to the Honolulu press, was presented him by the gratified friends of the rescued to show the value they placed upon his services. "The Healan's boat, which near the bell buoy, got into a heavy sea and was swamped, and

the Myrtle, shortly after rounding the buoy, ran up against the same hard luck. The Kinau appeared upon the scene about this time, bearing some freight and several high clips of the Hilo tribes, under whose weight she was staggering. I am always willing, however, to risk my life and the safety of the liner for the purpose of rescuing the drowning, and when I saw the pride of Honolulu clutching at the atmosphere and spitting out salt water and strong oaths simultaneously, I took no thought of salvage or safety, but promptly lowered a boat and brought them on board, where I cheered their hearts with much good booze and tenderloin steak. The Healanis are naturally a grateful set of beings and they appointed a committee to get me a medal as a memento of the occasion. At this point the ubiquitous Chester Doyle took a hand and reproached one of his ancient chestnuts by getting them to put up the leather medal. I knew the boys were coming to make a medal presentation, and I had a case of champagne close to the ice. I didn't like the Doyle version of a joke, particularly well, and I told the boys so. They admitted that it was rather poor taste, and have agreed to put up the proper thing when I get back to Honolulu."--Tribune.

ALL HIGH MASONS.

H. E. Cooper, under special dispensation for the Grand Lodge, has raised eighteen members of Kilanoe Lodge, No. 22, to the Thirty-second Degree of Masonry and established the following lodges with corresponding officers: Lodge of Perfection--John T. Moir, Master; Arch. C. Steele, S. W.; Chas. H. Fairer, J. W.; Lodge Rose Croix--John H. Bole, Master; Geo. H. Williams, S. W.; Allan S. Wall, J. W.; Lodge Knights Kadosh--Philip Peck, Preceptor; Wm. McKay, Sub-Preceptor; August Humberg, Asst. Preceptor; Olaf Omsted, Secretary; Frank A. Metcalf, Treasurer. Those who have received the Thirty-second or highest degree obtainable in the Islands, are: P. Peck, J. T. Moir, A. C. Steele, Chas. H. Fairer, Wm. McKay, Geo. Rodick, A. Humberg, Wm. Vonnatta, J. H. Bole, A. Wall, W. S. Wise, Geo. H. Wilbur, Louis Andrews, E. N. Wilfong, Ed. Metcalf, O. Omsted, E. D. Baldwin, Dr. Archer Irwin, Dr. Grace. These, together with Florentine Souza, J. U. Smith and H. H. Renton are the charter members of Kailua Lodge of Perfection, Lehua Chapter of Rose Croix and Waiolama Preceptory of Kadosh.--Tribune.

NEW CITIZENS.

About fifty persons took advantage of the presence here of the Judge of the Federal Court to become naturalized. Comparatively few of them have yet joined the Republican Preceptory Club, although there is little doubt that most of them will vote the Republican ticket. The club roll is at Ray Brothers. When you are passing by step in and make your mark.--Tribune.

PORTUGUESE LABOR AVAILABLE.
A considerable amount of Portuguese labor is becoming available for plantations through the general shutting down of road construction on account of lack of funds. It is an ill wind that blows no good.--Tribune.

From Windward Hawaii.

(Special Correspondence.)
On Wednesday during a high wind fire broke out in the cane at Paauhau and burned over some 300 acres. An inquest was held the following day, but failed to trace the origin of the fire. The cane is near the mill and will be ground immediately, and so the loss will be minimum. This is the second cane fire for Paauhau in the past three months. At the same time a fire was raging in Paauhau a fire was destroying some 300 acres of cane in Kailua, both fires being visible at the same time.

The Board of Registration is holding sessions in Hamakua this week. Registration is slow, but the natives are coming in in goodly numbers. There was urgent need of a special session of court here for the purpose of naturalization, but it was not held.
Last week two Japanese laborers working on the Paia road into Waipio tumbled over the side and fell about 200 feet. One was buried the next morning and Dr. Garrison has the other one in the hospital at Paauhau trying to mend him up so as to have a part of a man left. This is the fourth man killed on this piece of folly, and it is not completed either. There are no doubt many more victims to follow if any one is ever so foolish as to venture to travel the road after completion.

Henry Hall gave an elaborate luncheon at his home in Honokaa on Sunday, the 15th inst. It was in the nature of a double event, Mr. Hall reaching his fiftieth birthday on that date, and four days before received his commission as District Magistrate of Hamakua. The affair was in true Hawaiian style and consisted of the approved Hawaiian dishes, some of them rare ones.

Antone Fernandez has resigned his position as deputy sheriff at Waiolama and returned to Hamakua, and will assume the same position here. Harry Overend, who has held the position for the last five years, has been promoted and becomes chief deputy for the whole island and will have headquarters in Hilo.

Mrs. Ward of Honolulu is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Rickard, and family. Rev. C. H. Tomkins, pastor of the English Church, is in Kailua, Kona, on a three months vacation in hopes of improving his health, which has been poor for some time.

Rev. C. W. Hill of Olai has been visiting in Hamakua. He administered the rite of baptism to a number of children and conducted services at Paauhau on Sunday. Arrangements are being made by the Protestants by which Mr. Hill will receive a call and conduct services in the Lyceum at Honokaa once a month. Mr. Hill is very popular with all classes and will no doubt soon build up a good congregation.

Miss Massey of Puna is the guest of friends in Hamakua for a month.

A. I. Louison has gone to California, taking with him some 2,500 bags of Hamakua coffee, which he intends to dispose of at a better advantage than has been done by the consignees in the past. Mr. Louison is a member of the firm of Louison Brothers, coffee planters, and will perhaps remain in San Francisco as salesman of their output.

Geo. Kaiser, the liverman, is building a residence in Honokaa. John G. Jones and Charles Williams are in Honolulu attending the Territorial Republican Convention. Mr. Williams has had charge of Sam Parker's canvass in Hamakua and the vote will no doubt show he has been up and doing, for Sam will have a walkover.

HAWAIIAN HORSEMEN.

They Figure in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, which was lately at Kansas City, is now in its newspaper advertising a reprieve to Hawaiian attractions. "For the first time," it says, "the Philippine horsemen and women will be seen in their own style of riding and sport. The Hawaiians, composed of men and women, have a peculiar style of riding, and their religious dancing is a revelation to the American public. Porto Ricans and Cubans, who have fought in different battles the Queen's Own Lancers, German cuirassiers, Arabs, United States artillerymen and cavalrymen, South American gauchos, cowboys on bucking bronchos, Sioux Indians and others. Annie Oakley, who will do some new tricks in the shooting line; Johnnie Baker, who is an expert marksman, and the only Buffalo Bill. There will be a grand street parade on the morning of the exhibition."



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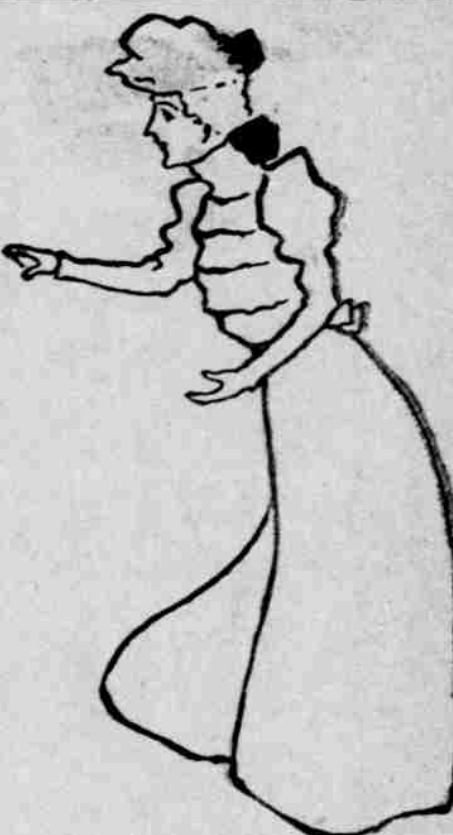
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